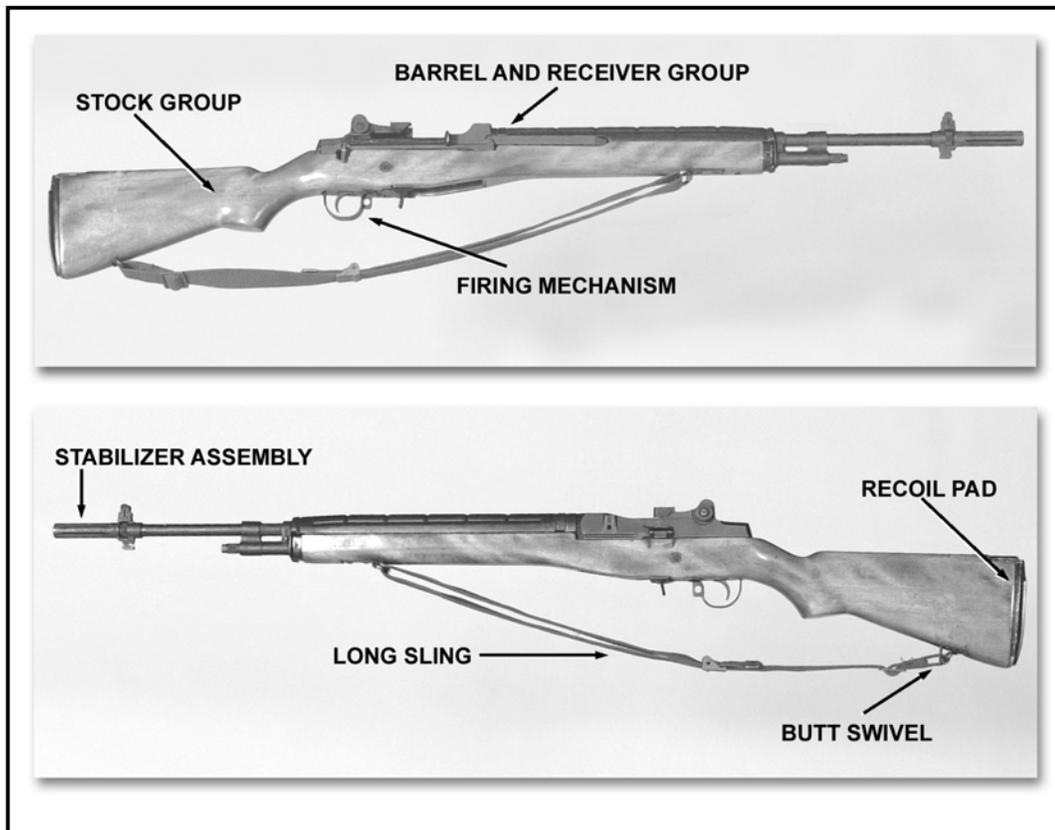


APPENDIX C  
**MANUAL OF ARMS—M14 RIFLE**

*The manual of arms with the M14 (Figure C-1) rifle is executed in the same manner as the manual of arms for the M16-series rifle (Chapter 5) except Inspection Arms, Stack Arms, Order Arms, and some movements of Present Arms.*



**Figure C-1. Nomenclature, M14 rifle.**

**C-1. ORDER ARMS**

Execute *Order Arms* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle except place the butt of the rifle on the marching surface with the toe of the butt on line with the front of the right foot (Figure C-2, page C-2).

**C-2. REST POSITION**

Execute the *Rest* position in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle except keep the toe of the butt on line with the front of the right foot (Figure C-2, page C-2).

### C-3. PORT ARMS

Execute *Port Arms* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle except grasp the weapon with the left hand “at the balance.” (Figure C-2 shows the location of the balance.)



**Figure C-2. Order Arms, Parade Rest, and Port Arms.**

### C-4. PRESENT ARMS

To execute *Present Arms* with the M14 rifle (Figure C-3), use the following procedures:

- a. When at *Order Arms*, the left arm moves across the body on count one with the forearm and wrist straight, fingers and thumb extended and joined, and palm down. The first joint of the forefinger touches the rifle at a point below the bayonet stud. If not in ranks, the head and eyes turn toward the person or Color saluted. On count two, the left hand is moved smartly to the side and the head and eyes are turned to the front.

**NOTE:** When not at *Order Arms*, execute the movement in the same manner as previously described for the M16-series rifle.

b. When at *Right Shoulder Arms*, the movement is executed by moving the left arm across the chest and touching the first joint of the forefinger to the rear of the receiver. The left elbow is held so that the left forearm is horizontal. Fingers, thumb, and wrist are held as for *Order Arms*. The palm is down. Count two of the rifle *Salute at Right Shoulder Arms* is similar to the return from the rifle *Salute at Order Arms*.

c. When at *Left Shoulder Arms*, the *Salute* is executed by moving the right arm across the chest and touching the first joint of the forefinger to the rear of the receiver. The right elbow is held so that the forearm is horizontal. The fingers, thumb, and wrist are as described in paragraph C-4a. The palm is down. Count two is similar to the return from the rifle *Salute at Right Shoulder Arms*.

#### **C-5. RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS**

Execute *Right Shoulder Arms* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle except change the term “charging” to “receiver” (Figure C-3).

#### **C-6. LEFT SHOULDER ARMS**

Execute *Left Shoulder Arms* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle (Figure C-3).



**Figure C-3. Present Arms, Right Shoulder Arms, and Left Shoulder Arms.**

### C-7. INSPECTION ARMS

*Inspection Arms* with the M14 rifle (Figure C-4) is executed in five counts.

a. Counts one and two are the same as with the M16-series rifle (*Port Arms*). On count three, release the small of the stock and move the right hand forward (fingers extended and joined, thumb on the opposite side of the receiver). Place the knife edge on the hand in contact with the operating rod handle. On count four, press the operating rod handle sharply to the rear and lock the bolt to the rear by pressing the bolt lock with the thumb. At the same time, lower the head and eyes to check the receiver. On count five, raise the head and eyes back to the front and regrasp the small of the stock with the right hand, assuming the *Inspection Arms* position.

b. **Ready, Port, ARMS** is the only command that is given from *Inspection Arms*. On the command **Ready**, relax the grip of the right hand and hook the top of the forefinger to the rear. On the command **Port**, release the operating rod handle (allowing the bolt to go forward) and place the forefinger on the trigger. On the command of execution **ARMS**, pull the trigger and come to *Port Arms*.

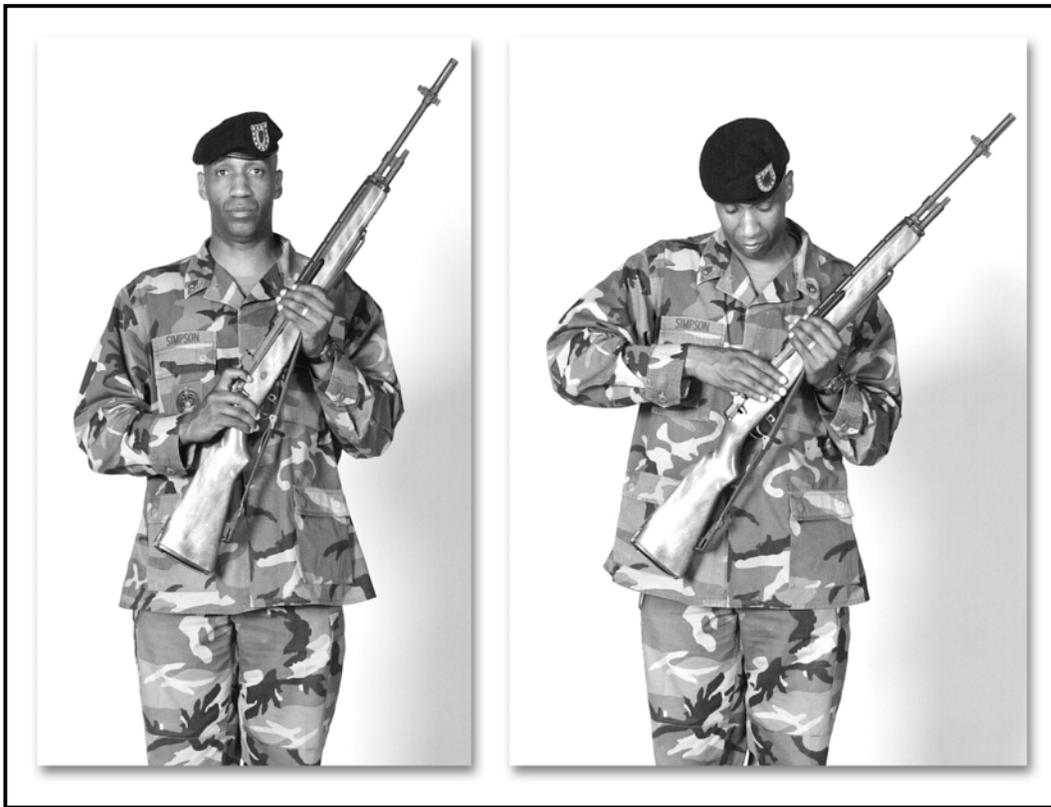


Figure C-4. Inspection Arms.

### C-8. FIX AND UNFIX BAYONETS

Execute *Fix* and *Unfix Bayonets* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle.

### C-9. SLING ARMS

Execute *Sling Arms* in the same manner as explained for the M16-series rifle.

### C-10. STACK AND TAKE ARMS

Execute *Stack Arms* using the following procedures:

a. *Stack Arms* is executed from *Order Arms* only. It may be executed while at *Normal Interval* in a line (squad) or a column formation. *Stack Arms* is not a precise movement; however, it is executed in a military manner.

b. The leader designates the stackmen by numbers (2-5-8) when in a line formation, or by squad (second or third) when in a column formation. After the stackmen have been designated, the leader then commands **Prepare, SLINGS**.

c. On the command **SLINGS**, each stackman places the butt of his rifle on his right hip and cradles it in the crook of his right arm. He then adjusts the sling keeper to form a 2-inch loop next to the upper sling swivel. As soon as he has prepared the loop, he returns to *Order Arms*.

d. When all stackmen have returned to *Order Arms*, the leader commands **Stack, ARMS**. On the command **ARMS**, each stackman places his rifle directly in front of and centered on his body with the sling facing to the front. The heel of the rifle butt is on the marching surface on line with the toes of his shoes. He grasps the rifle by the handguard with his left hand. The first two fingers of the left hand hold the inner part of the loop against the rifle. He reaches across the front of the rifle with the right hand, grasps the outer part of the loop, and holds it open for the insertion of the other rifles. He holds the rifle vertical at all times (1, Figure C-5, page C-6).

e. On the command **ARMS**, the men to the left and right of the stackman perform the following movements simultaneously:

(1) The man on the stackman's left raises and centers his rifle in front of his body so that his right hand is shoulder high and the rifle is about 4 inches from his chest, with the sling to the front. He then grasps the rifle with his left hand at the small of the stock and lowers both arms, holding the weapon in a horizontal position (1, Figure C-5, page C-6).

(2) The man on the stackman's right raises and centers his rifle, wrist shoulder high, with the sling facing the front. He then grasps the rifle with his left hand directly below his right hand, and, in the most convenient manner, grasps the rifle with the right hand at the small of the stock. He then lowers both arms, holding the rifle stock. He then lowers both arms, holding the rifle in a horizontal position (1, Figure C-5, page C-6).

(3) As soon as both men have completed these movements, each moves the foot nearest the stackman 18 inches (*Half Left* or *Right*) toward the stackman. In a continuing motion, the man on the stackman's left inserts the muzzle of his rifle into the loop held by the stackman until the bayonet stud protrudes past the far end of the loop (2, Figure C-5, page C-6). He holds his rifle in that position until the man on the stackman's right inserts the muzzle of his rifle through the loop in the same manner and above the muzzle of the rifle of the left man.

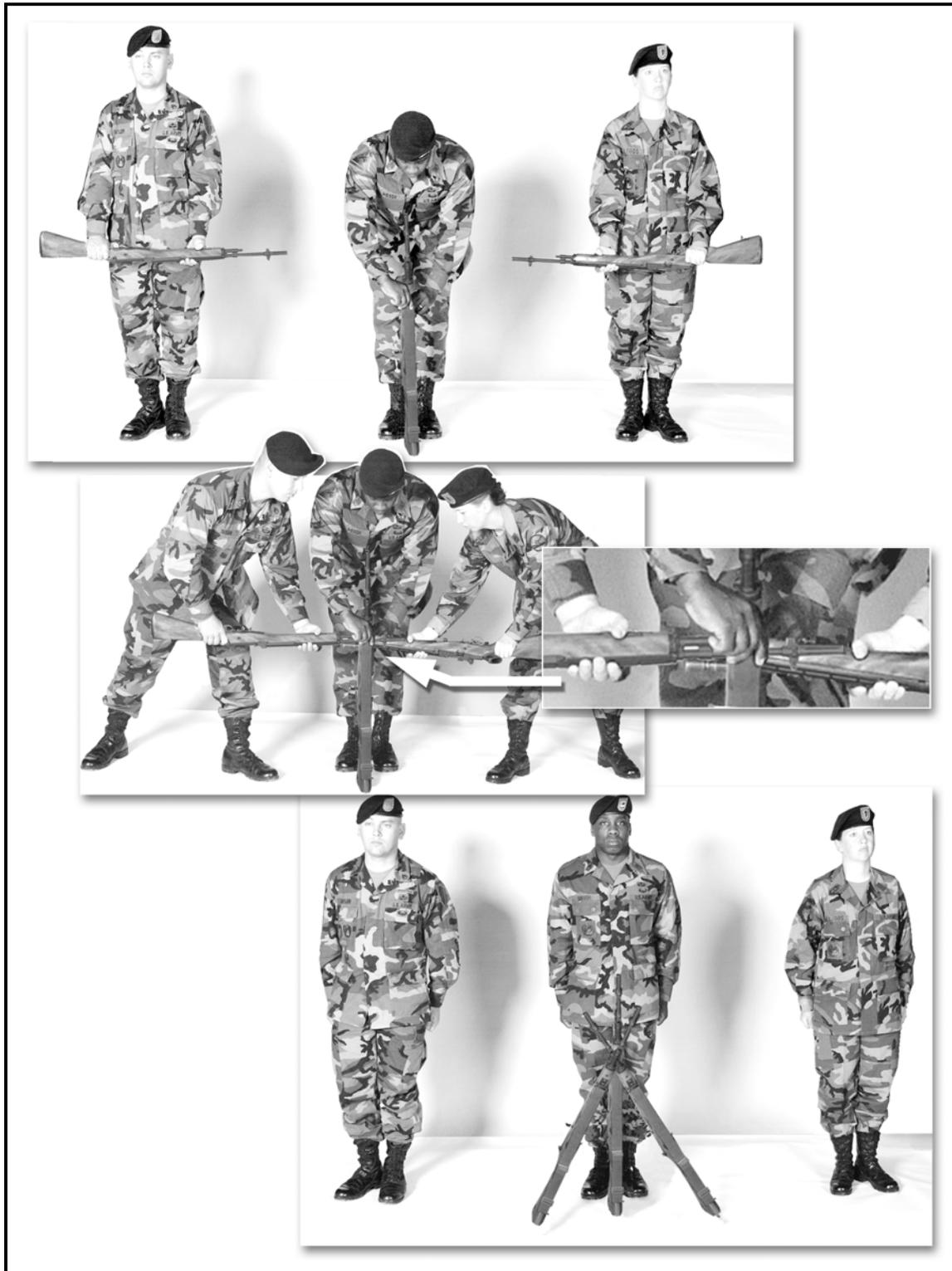


Figure C-5. Stack Arms.

f. When both rifles have been inserted into the loop, the men on each side of the stackman swing the butts of their rifles out and down to the marching surface until the stack is tight with the (two) rifle butts on line and about 2 feet from the baseline.

g. After necessary adjustments have been made, the three men come to *Attention* (3, Figure C-5).

h. Extra rifles are passed to the nearest stack on the right. As each rifle is passed, it is grasped at the upper part of the handguard with the right hand. Then, with the rifle held vertical, it is passed with fully extended arm to the right front. The man on the right grasps the rifle at the balance with his left hand, brings the rifle to the center of his body, and regrasps it at the upper part of the handguard with his right hand. This action continues until the stackman receives the rifle and places it on the stack with his right hand as nearly vertical as possible. He places the rifles on the stack with the slings away from the stack (if the second squad is the stack squad, extra rifles are passed to the left).

i. To *Take Arms*, the leader commands ***Take, ARMS***.

(1) On the command **ARMS**, the stackman passes each extra rifle toward its bearer. The rifles are handled in the manner described for passing them to the stack (left hand at the balance, right hand at the upper part of the handguard). As the men receive their rifles, they come to *Order Arms*.

(2) After all extra rifles have been returned, the stackman grasps the base rifles, holding the loop open as in *Stack Arms*.

(3) The men to the right and left of the stackman take one step to their left and right fronts, respectively. They reach down, grasp their rifles, and bring the rifles to a horizontal position. The man to the right of the stackman frees his rifle from the stack first. Each man returns to *Order Arms* after *Unslung Arms* and retrieves his rifle. He does this by guiding and steadying the rifle with his left hand (as in the next to the last count of *Order Arms*).

(4) The stackman adjusts the sling of his rifle before returning to *Order Arms*.